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- 1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED FOLLOWING PROBLEMS ON AUG 3 WITH AMBASSADOR TIRADO, CHIEF OF DEPT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNLICATIONS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
- 1) OPERATING AUTHORITY OF THE VENEZUELAN CARGO AIRLINE, TRANSCARGA. TIRADO SAID THAT THE GOV NO LONGER WANTS TO MAINTAIN THE VENEZUELAN-JAMAICA,-NEW ORLEANS ROUTE AND ASKED THAT IT BE ELIMINATED (REFA).
- 2) AMBASSADOR TIRADO APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE (REF B) ASKING THAT US ROUTE 4 BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF ROUTES FOR WHICH THE US AIRLINE, AIRLIFT, HAD BEEN DESIGANTED. EMBASSY OFFICERS EXPLAINED THE SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. IN EFFECT AN ADDITION TO THE EARLIER NOTE REQUESTING ROUTES 1,2 AND 3 WHICH THE VENEULAN GOVT HAD ALREADY REJECTED.
- 3) GOV RADIO OPERATIONN (REF C). THEINCREASE IN POWER OF TWO RADIO STATION IN VENEZUELA OPERATING AT 750 KHZ AND 1100-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1190 KHZ WAS DISCUSSED, USING AS A BASIS THE LETTER OF EXPLANATION SENT BY THE EMBASSY INJULY. AMBASSADOR TIRADO STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMED THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND WHEN HE HAD THEIR REPORT, WHICH HE EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS, HE WOULD CALL. HE WAS AGREEABLE TO THE SUGGESTION THAT A TECHNICAL MEETING BE HELD BETWEEN THE FCC AND GOV AUTHORITIES BUT ASKED THAT A FURTHER DECISION ON THIS BE HELD UNTIL HE HAD THE TECHNICAL

REPORT FROM HIS STAFF.

4) DISCUSSION OF A MULTILATERAL COMMITMENT TORESIST US INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION POLICY (STATE 183477), AND PANAM CHANGE OF GAUGE (STATE 187278) ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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